

July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

B. CURRENT SUPERVISORS

As of April 2011

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153
Julia Witthaus - "Promoting Agriculture in an Urban Community"
Mark Brandt - "Soil Health"

OTHER INFORMATION EDUCATION MEETINGS (specify type)

TYPE	No. of Meetings	No. Attending
Intensive Grazing School (Sponsorship)	1	22
Forage & Beef Conference (Sponsorship)	1	167

D. ACTIVITIES

CONTESTS

	No. of Schools	No. of Entries
Poster Contest	7	518
Envirothon (Sponsorship-Central Region)	15	90

AWARDS

	Yes or No
Family Cooperator Award	Yes
Volunteer Award	Yes

PUBLICITY

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

ISSUES/YEAR	CIRCULATION
4	945
WebSite	101

	Number of
Radio Ads	1
Newspaper Articles	22x3
Public Displays	1
Web Page	updated regularly

TOURS AND FIELD DAYS

Type of Tours and Field Days	No. of Tours	Attendance
4th Grade Field Day	2	250
Pasture Walk	1	55

RENTAL AND SALES

Equipment Type	Rental Fee	No. of
John Deere 10'Drill/acre	\$9.00	192.9
Great Plains 7' Drill/acre	\$9.00	294.9
Rotowiper/day	\$25.00	4
Burn Equipment/use	\$10.00	1
ATV Equipment/day per piece	\$20.00	11
ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder/day	Free	7
Soil Probe/use	Free	18
Audio Equipment/use	Free	0

Items Sold by District	Donation
Flags	\$ 20.00
Plat Books	\$ 156.00

OTHER

E. No. of Cooperators Waiting for Service: 0
Average Time Waiting for First Contact: 1 week

Were accomplishments presented to county commission? Yes
Was budget presented to county commission? Yes

F. CURRENT DISTRICT STAFF

Name	<u>Diana Mayfield</u>	Job Title	<u>District Program Specialist II</u>
Phone Number	<u>573-437-3478 ext 3</u>		
Start Date	<u>20-Jan-00</u>	Termination Date	<u> </u>
Email Address	<u>diana.mayfield@swcd.mo.gov</u>		
		Hours	
Current Hourly Wage	<u>\$13.43</u>	Worked Per	
Primary Staff Contact Y/N	<u>Yes</u>	Year	<u>2080</u>
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Name	<u>Terry DuBois</u>	Job Title	<u>District Technician II</u>
Phone Number	<u>573-437-3478 ext 109</u>		
Start Date	<u>20-Apr-09</u>	Termination Date	<u> </u>
Email Address	<u>terry.dubois@swcd.mo.gov</u>		
		Hours	
Current Hourly Wage	<u>\$13.35</u>	Worked Per	
Primary Staff Contact Y/N	<u>No</u>	Year	<u>2080</u>

**Gasconade County
Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Narrative Report 2011
July 1, 2010– June 30, 2011**

The Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District's (SWCD) primary goal for the county is to conserve our natural resources. All programs and related activities are based on reaching the goal of "T".

Gasconade County SWCD programs and activities encourage participation by the public, which include our children, who will be the future leaders of our nation. Some of the activities and programs of the district, which are funded by Administrative funds and local funds include:

- **Intensive Grazing School** –We co-sponsored an Intensive Grazing School at Vienna, MO on May 12-13, 2011. There were 22 attendees at this course.
- **4th Grade Field Day** – The District organized and sponsored their tenth 4th Grade Field Day. There were 250 students, volunteers, and staff at this event. The students were allowed to visit eight different educational stops on the Dennis and Brenda Kurrelmeyer farm north of Owensville, MO. The lunch for the students and staff was provided by local businesses and prepared by volunteers. The FSA County Executive Director, Abby Ingilis gave a "look alike" presentation during the lunch period on chemicals that could look like food. Certificates of appreciation were handed out to all the staff that have participated at the field days for 10 years. They were Brenda Kurrelmeyer, Dorathea Koepke, Connie Doerr, Mike Cook, Mark Brandt, Dennis Shirk, and Diana Mayfield. The Owensville School has been participating for the 10 years and the Hermann Schools have been attending for 9 years.
- **Forage and Beef Conference** – The Forage and Beef Conference for the area was held in Cuba on February 14th with approximately 167 people in attendance. An evening meal was provided for those attending the conference. There were several guest speakers talking on a wide range of subjects, from economic outlook to residual feed intake. There were several vendors at this event, who donated door prizes that were presented throughout the course of the evening. We had two staff members at the meeting, who helped with set up/down and registration..
- **2011 Annual Meeting** – This year's annual meeting was held in conjunction with the Area I and Area III Board of Supervisor Election. There were 153 people in attendance and we had a FFA student from Hermann present a motivation speech on "Promoting Agriculture to Urban Areas" and Mark Brandt, NRCS Resource Conservationist, presented a "Soil Health Workshop". The election resulted in Debra Nowack and Mike Haeffner being elected to serve in their designated areas.
- **Poster Contest** - This year's theme was "Farmers Provide Food, Fiber & Fuel from Renewable Resources." The poster contest is open to any student in Gasconade County in Grades 2 thru 8. We receive 518 posters from 7 schools and our three judges had a very difficult time in making their selections. The awards were presented at the Annual Meeting on March 24th. Arthur Schneider, Hermann Middle School, was the State Award Recipient for the 2010 7th – 8th Grade Division. He received his award at the Annual Training Conference at Tan-Tar-A and his poster was forwarded to the National Level. We presented Arthur with his National participation award at our Annual Meeting.
- **Cooperator Family of the Year Award** – John, Jennifer, and Mary Ellen Hall were recognized as our 2011 Cooperator Family.
- **Volunteer Award**–Shirley Landwehr was the recipient of this year's volunteer award in recognition of her dedication to the Annual Poster Contest.

The District still owns a 10 ft. John Deere no-till drill, a 7 ft. Great Plains no-till drill, and a Rotowiper. The District also has burn equipment and soil probes available for public use. The district now rents an ATV sprayer, seeder, and disk in conjunction with MDC. An ATV Warm Season Spreader is free of charge for anyone who wishes to rent it.

A quarterly newsletter was mailed to approximately 947 cooperators at each mailing this past fiscal year. The newsletter is now located on the District Web site, and is updated quarterly. We are currently sending the newsletter via e-mail to 101 landowners. The purpose of this newsletter is to make the landowners more aware of district goals, programs, and accomplishments in controlling soil erosion, water quality, etc. The newsletter also contains information and events for the cooperating partners - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The funding of this newsletter has been made possible by the soil and parks tax and local funding.

The Soil and Water Conservation District co-sponsored the Mid-MO Grassland Competition. The District sent one staff member to assist with the Regional Envirothon.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding and the Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements in April with Melinda Barch, NRCS District Conservationist.

The District Staff works with NRCS to assist with the Federal Programs that are being implemented.

The NRCS, FSA, MDC, University Missouri Extension, County Contractors, the County Commission, and county and state public officials continue to be very supportive of the District.

A combination of the news media, radio, a District Newsletter, website, correspondence, and personal contacts are used to keep the public informed of state programs and Board sponsored activities.

Based on the new resource concerns, the following have been claimed: (1) Sheet/Rill & Gully (21) Grazing System Management; (7) Woodland Erosion; (4) Sensitive Area. The District has claimed \$62,683.25 which is 45% of our fiscal year allocation.

This is the second year for the District's proposed Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI), "Stabilizing Streambank Erosion Issues within the Bourbeuse Watershed in Gasconade County, MO." We have one FY10 EQIP contract for \$40,000 and a FY12 GCSWCD contract for \$5,000 signed and construction has begun. We plan on having a field day during the construction of the third or fourth dike, so that people can observe how they are done. We have had a second signup and two contracts have been signed. We had twelve applications the first year and seven for the second. This project has been a definite learning experience for all parties involved. The partners for this CCPI are Farm Service Agency, Missouri Department of Conservation, Gasconade County Commission, and Representative Tom Loehner. JR Flores has been very influential in assisting us with changes to the original proposal and obtaining additional funding in the second year due to the astronomical costs of the proposed projects.

Two office personnel and one supervisor attended the State Training Conference held in November-December. The staff had the opportunity to tour the Monsanto Bio-Genetic facility in Chesterfield in November. This tour was quite impressive so a landowner tour has been scheduled for this coming August.

Two office personnel and three board members attended the Area 5 Annual Meeting in Warrenton.

The Annual Plan of Action is followed monthly as a guideline for district activities during the year. The District is continually looking for educational opportunities.

The Gasconade County Board of Supervisors meets regularly on the first Monday of each month. However, effective January 1, 2011, the meeting date has been moved to the first Tuesday of every month. During the summer months the board is meeting at 7:30 instead of 8 p.m. The agenda for each meeting is posted in the USDA Service Center on the Wednesday before each meeting. The County Commissioners, Natural Resources Conservation District Area Staff, and the Department of Natural Resources are invited to each meeting and any visitors wishing to attend the meetings are encouraged to do so. The County Commissioners have attended quite frequently as well as the DNR District Coordinator.

The Board of Supervisors continues to stress the need for soil and water conservation and they are very conscious of their responsibility of being faithful stewards of tax payer dollars.